in the Undertakings under the government departments.

(b) and (c) NIC provides the government departments serviced by it the facility of bilingual computer hardware in Devanagari and English. This provision enables the library staff of the department to computerise Hindi books in Devanagari Script. NIC gives periodic training courses on Hindi computerisation for various levels of staff in government departments on a regular and continuing basis.

Impact of rice in prices of Newsprint

606. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the STC has recently increased the price of standard newsprint and glazed newsprint by Rs. 5000 and Rs. 10000 per tonne respectively;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and justfication for the rise in the prices of newsprint;

(c) whether the rise in prices of newsprint will directly affect prices of newspapers and other periodicals;

(d) if so, whether the order to save the newspaper industry, particularly small and medium newspapers in the country, Government propose to review its decision; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. The State Trading Corporation had only proposed to raise the prices of standard newsprint by Rs. 4,670 per MT and that of glazed newsprint by Rs. 10,410 per MT, which were not accepted.

(b) These increases were proposed by STC in the wake of the effects of the exchange rate adjustment.

(c) As in any other sphere, increase in prices of newsprint is bound to lead to some strain over newspapers.

(d) and (e) The matter has been resolved on mutually agreed cost-sharing basis between the newspapers industry and the STC.

Training programme for computer Scientists

607. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training programme has been worked out for the computer scientists to make them aware of grammer and techniques of semantic interpretation as found in shastri sanskrit;

(b) if so, details of the curriculum and the centres identified for the same; and

(c) what is the scheme to introduce such a training module as part of formal B. Tech or B.E. programme in computer science and which technical institutions have been identified for offering such a subject as part of graduate curriculum of computer science?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Electronics under its Technology Development for Indian Ianguages (TDIL) Programme has initiated a scheme for preparation of curriculum guidelines and course materials for introduction of Sanskrit Vyakaran, Nyaya, Mimamsa and Nirukta to linguists and Computer Scientists.

(b) The programme has been initiated at the following four Institutions—

(i) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.

(ii) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati.

(iii) Gurukul Kangri University Hardwar.

(iv) Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

(c) There is no scheme at present to introduce training in Sanskrit as a part of the formal B. Tech./BE curriculam of computer science.

Supply of fertilizers by USSR

608. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of different fertilizers contracted for supply by USSR during the next six months with details;

(b) whether Government anticipate any problem in timely receipt of such fertilizers; and

(c) if so, what alternate arrangements are being made by Government to avoid acute shortage of fertilizers for farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The following quantities of fertilizers have been contracted for import from USSR during 1991-92 by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC), the canalising agency for the import of fertilizers:

MOP . .	8.20 lakh tonnes
Urea . .	4.00 lakh tonnes
Ammonia .	1.00 lakh tonnes

MMTC has been advised to keep strict watch on the supply and shipment schedules from USSR in view of the current political uncertainty there. The shipment schedule offered by USSR for supply of urea is extremely tight. Arrangements are being made to lift the entire contracted cargo within the stipulated period. The materials have also been contratced by alternate sources towards meeting the requirements.

Criteria for New Serials

609. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria to accept new serials particularly by young and upcoming producers and artists; and

(b) the number of serials of new producers and artists introduced during the last three years.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Doordarshan endeavours to approve programmes which propagate high social values combined with wholesome entertainment. Particular preference is given to programmes which—

(i) promote good socio-cultural values;

(ii) seek to inculcate in the viewers equal respect for different religious, languages, schools of thought, cultures etc.; promote national integration and uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of India;

(iii) project fairly the rich cultural diversity of the country;

(iv) promote the welfare of the weaker sections of the society and reflect the life of the people of rural India;

(v) promote healthy respect for the place of women in our society and highlight the aspirations and problems of the youth; and

(vi) seek to promote a scientific temper amongst the viewers.

(b) No specific data about the number of serials of new producers and artists telecast during the past years is maintained by Doordarshan, since serials are selected on the merits of the proposals and not on the basis of whether the producers are new or experienced.

Super Cement plant at Bundi in Rajasthan

610. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India's proposal for setting up a Super